

CITY COUNCIL



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CITY OF SUISUN CITY

November 20, 2003

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Suisun City, California 94585

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SUPERIOR COURT, DEPT. 16  
SCOTT KAYS

Scott Kays  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
C/O Superior Court Executive Office/Clerk of the Court  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, California 94533

Dear Judge Kays:

This is in response to the City of Suisun City – Lawler Ranch Park item in the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Final Report. This is a carry-over item from the 2001-2002 Grand Jury Report. The Findings and Recommendation of the Grand Jury, as well as the City's response are outlined below. The affected agencies included the Suisun City Mayor, Council, Manager and Parks and Recreation Commission; I am responding on behalf of all of these.

Finding #1 As of October 2002, no design plans had been presented for the 10 Acre Park.

Recommendation #1 – The ten acre park be put on a fast track schedule for completion. The City of Suisun City should establish an oversight committee to oversee the 10 acre park development. This committee should include Lawler Ranch residents.

Response: The City is issuing a Request for Proposals for a landscape architect to develop plans for the park. The park may be phased due to maintenance funding constraints in the Lawler Ranch Maintenance Assessment District (MAD). As part of the development process, the City will be coordinating review of the plans with the residents of Lawler Ranch as well as the Lawler Ranch MAD Advisory Committee. Plans and commencement of construction are currently scheduled for 2004.

Finding #2 – It was stated by the Parks and Recreation Commission that the funds were used for the Sports Complex and boat ramp.

Recommendation #2 – Reinstate the 10 acre park development funds.

Response: As noted in last year's response, park fees for new development are based on park facilities ranging from pocket and neighborhood parks in or close to the development to citywide park and recreation facilities such as the Lambrecht Sports Complex or the Heritage Park Community Park. All of these funds, regardless where they are originally generated, are pooled;

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as a result there is not a 10 acre park fund to reinstate funds to. Instead, there is funding available in the park development fund for the 10 acre park as well as other future park facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these issues. We recognize the challenging job of the Grand Jury and thank them for their efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven W. Baker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven W. Baker  
City Manager

cc: Mayor and City Council  
Parks and Recreation Commission